

What is claimed is:

1. An editing apparatus comprising:
 - a material storage for storing a material;
 - a material capture unit for taking in a material from first external media to said material storage;
 - a material output unit for sending the material stored in said material storage to second external media; and
 - a material information management unit for managing external media information including the information of at least one of
 - material area information showing storing position of the material in said material storage,
 - information specifying the first external media,
 - information specifying the storing place of the material in the first external media,
 - information specifying the second external media,
- and
 - information specifying the storing place of the material in the second external media,
- wherein said material information management unit has an external media information store region for storing the external media information.

2. The editing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the external

media information store region includes an original external media information store region for storing the information of the original media from which the material is taken.

3. The editing apparatus of claim 2,

wherein said material information management unit stores the external media information of the first external media in the original external media information store region when said material capture unit captures the material from the first external media; and

wherein said material information management unit stores the second external information different from the first external media into the external media information store region different from the original external media information store region when said material output unit sends out the material stored in the material storage into the second external media.

4. The editing apparatus of any one of claims 1 to 3,

wherein the first external media is at least one of magnetic tape, optical disk, semiconductor memory and network appliance; and

wherein the second external media is at least one of magnetic tape, optical disk, semiconductor memory and network appliance.

5. The editing apparatus of claim 4,
wherein the material includes at least one of video and
audio; and

wherein the external media information includes at least
one of reel number and time code of the magnetic tape when the
first external media is magnetic tape or the second external
media is magnetic tape.

6. The editing apparatus of claim 4,
wherein the material includes at least one of video and
audio; and

wherein the external media information includes at least
one of volume label, sector position and file path of the optical
disk when the first external media is optical disk or the second
external media is optical disk.

7. The editing apparatus of claim 4,
wherein the material includes at least one of video and
audio; and

wherein the external media information includes at least
one of information of memory bank, memory address and file path
of the semiconductor memory when the first external media is
semiconductor memory or the second external media is
semiconductor memory.

8. The editing apparatus of claim 4,
wherein the material includes at least one of video and
audio; and

wherein the external media information includes at least
one of ID information, logic address and file path of the network
appliance when the first external media is network appliance
or the second external media is network appliance.

9. The editing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the external
media information further includes at least one of media
identification information for identifying the first external
media and media identification information for identifying the
second external media.